

5781: Misbranding of "Gonorrhoea and Gleet 3 Day Cure," "Old Indian Fever Tonic," "Pain-I-Cure," and "Walker's Dead Shot Colic Cure." U. S. * * * v. The Walker Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. Nos. 8210, 8213. I. S. Nos. 2390-I, 2388-I, 2386-I, 2389-I.)

On July 18, 1917, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district two informations against the Walker Co., a corporation, Atlanta, Ga., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about December 27, 1915, from the State of Georgia into the State of Florida, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Gonorrhoea and Gleet 3 Day Cure," and on or about February 4, 1916, from the State of Georgia into the State of Florida, of quantities of articles labeled in part, "Old Indian Fever Tonic," "Pain-I-Cure," and "Walker's Dead Shot Colic Cure," all of which were misbranded.

Analyses of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

The "Gonorrhoea and Gleet 3 Day Cure":

The product appeared to be an aqueous solution of zinc sulphate, sulphocarbolate of zinc, boric acid, opium, and hydrastine.

Probable composition:

Zinc sulphate (grams per 100 cc)_____	1.94
Sulphocarbolate of zinc (grams per 100 cc)_____	1.41
Boric acid (grams per 100 cc)_____	3.84

The "Old Indian Fever Tonic":

Specific gravity at 20°C/20°C_____	1.1261
Total solids at 125°C (grams per 100 cc)_____	16.49
Quinine anhydrous (gram per 100 cc)_____	0.30
Magnesium sulphate anhydrous (grams per 100 cc)_____	13.19
Acidity as sulphuric (gram per 100 cc)_____	0.43
Ash (grams per 100 cc)_____	13.25
Alcohol (per cent by volume)_____	0.8

Iron: Absent.

The preparation appeared to be a solution of magnesium sulphate and a sulphate of quinine, made acid with aromatic sulphuric acid and colored red with a coal-tar dye.

The "Pain-I-Cure":

Specific gravity 20°C/4°C_____	0.8696
Oil by precipitation (per cent)_____	8.2
Ammonia (gram per 100 cc)_____	0.11
Total solids (gram per 100 cc)_____	0.17
Chloroform (grams per 100 cc)_____	2.46
Alcohol (per cent by volume)_____	74.7

Capsicum: Present.

Camphor: Present.

Morphine: Present.

Odor of oils suggests presence of oils of sassafras and cloves with others not identified.

The "Walker's Dead Shot Colic Cure":

Specific gravity at 20°C/4°C_____	0.8582
Total solids (grams per 100 cc)_____	1.32
Ash (gram per 100 cc)_____	0.01
Chloroform (grams per 100 cc)_____	1.03
Oil by precipitation (per cent)_____	4.6

The "Walker's Dead Shot Colic Cure"—Continued.

Morphine (milligrams per 100 cc)----- 37

Alcohol (per cent by volume)----- 77.4

Asafoetida: Present.

Guaiac: Present.

Morphine: Present.

Camphor: Present.

Capsicum: Present.

Solution acid to litmus.

This product appeared to be a hydroalcoholic solution of essential oils, gums, chloroform, opium, camphor, and capsicum.

It was alleged in substance in one of the informations that the "Gonorrhoea and Gleet 3 Day Cure" was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on the bottle and carton labels falsely and fraudulently represented it as effective to cure gonorrhoea or gleet in three days, when, in truth and in fact, it was not effective to cure gonorrhoea and gleet in three days or at any time. Misbranding of the article was alleged for the further reason that it contained opium, and the package failed to bear a statement on the label thereof of the quantity or proportion of opium contained therein.

It was alleged in substance in the same information that the "Old Indian Fever Tonic" was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on its label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for la grippe, measles, neuralgia, and influenza, when, in truth and in fact, it was not; and for the further reason that certain statements included in the circular accompanying it falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for every form of fever and for la grippe, neuralgia, and measles, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

It was alleged in substance in the same information that the "Pain-I-Cure" was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on the label of the bottle and carton falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for pain, and as a relief for all kinds of lameness, swellings of all kinds, sick stomach, seasickness, and pneumonia, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

It was alleged in substance in the other information that the "Walker's Dead Shot Colic Cure" was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on its label and included in the circular accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for colic in mules and horses when, in truth and in fact, it was not. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the statement borne on the carton regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, to wit, "perfectly harmless," was false and misleading in that it represented that the article contained no harmful ingredients, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained harmful ingredients, to wit, opium and chloroform, and for the further reason that it contained alcohol, opium, and chloroform, and its package failed to bear on the label thereof the quantity or proportion of alcohol, opium, and chloroform contained therein.

On September 21, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the informations, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.